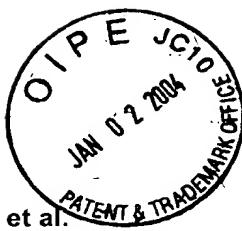


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Docket No.: 2878  
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In re application of: **ENGELHARDT, et al.**  
Serial No.: 09/989,275  
Filed: November 19, 2001  
For: **METHOD AND ARRANGEMENT FOR SCANNING MICROSCOPIC SPECIMENS WITH A SCANNING DEVICE**

Sir:

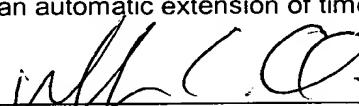
Transmitted herewith is an **Amendment and Response to Office Action (9 pages)** in the above-identified application.

- Small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been previously established.
- Applicants assert small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27.
- No fee for additional claims is required.
- A filing fee for additional claims calculated as shown below, is required:

(Col. 1) FOR:	(Col. 2)		SMALL ENTITY RATE	OR	LARGE ENTITY RATE
	REMAINING AFTER	HIGHEST PREVIOUSLY PRESENT			
	AMENDMENT	PAID FOR	EXTRA		
TOTAL CLAIMS	* Minus** =	0	x \$ 9 \$		x \$ 18 \$
INDEP. CLAIMS	* Minus*** =	0	x \$ 40 \$		x \$ 80 \$
[ ] FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM		+ \$135 \$			+ \$270 \$
			TOTAL: \$	OR	TOTAL: \$

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- Also transmitted herewith are:
  - Petition for extension under 37 C.F.R. 1.136
  - Other:
- Check(s) in the amount of **\$0.00** is/are attached to cover:
  - Filing fee for additional claims under 37 C.F.R. 1.16
  - Petition fee for extension under 37 C.F.R. 1.136
  - Other:
- The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0552.
- Any filing fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 for the presentation of additional claims which are not paid by check submitted herewith.
- Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17.
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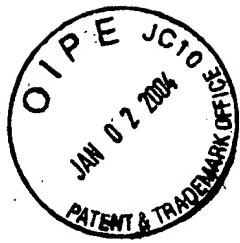
  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the office action dated October 2, 2003 received in the above-identified application, Applicants hereby respectfully request reconsideration of the application based on the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.